



## THE COAL OUTPUT OF UNITED STATES 1% LARGER IN 1915

Pennsylvania Shared Liberally in Increase of Production.

### COKE HELPED TO SWELL TOTAL

Export Shipments Show Large Gains but Were Limited by Restricted Ocean Carrying Capacity, Which Was Attracted by Higher Freights

The coal industry of the United States which began the year 1915 under adverse conditions improved steadily during the summer and fall in sympathy with the general betterment of business and in November and December was in better position as regards markets and prices than at any time since 1913, although in the territory west of Ohio the improvement came too late to overbalance the depression of the earlier months.

The production of bituminous coal and anthracite in the United States in 1915 is estimated by C. F. Lester of the United States Geological Survey at 518,000,000 short tons, an increase over 1914 of less than 1 per cent. Bituminous production increased about 6,500,000 tons but the output of anthracite was less than in 1914 by about 2,200,000 short tons. The increase in the output of soft coal was not shared equally by all the fields of operation, the coal from the Pittsburg and Wheeling fields and the coal from the coal and coke companies in the bituminous fields of the east production increased, whereas in the area west of Ohio there was a general decrease.

In the case of account of the steady demand for export coal and for coke for steel making and the general improvement in business the output of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama increased to a gratifying extent. Ohio and Virginia also had increases but Georgia, Maryland and Tennessee recorded decreases.

In Pennsylvania the increase was mainly in the coking districts and for the state it is estimated to have been about 5,000,000 tons. The weekly reports of coke production published in the "Pennsylvanian" indicate that the output of coke in the two Connellsville districts increased over 200,000 tons or 15 per cent, and each ton of coke represents about 15 tons of coal, an increase of over 300,000 tons of coal is indicated.

The prosperous condition of the steel industry in the south is responsible for an increase of nearly 1,000,000 tons in the total output of Alabama. Developments begun several years ago in West Virginia and in eastern Kentucky are new, being at full speed and not a small part of the demand for Kentucky coke comes from the by-product coke plants of the middle west. The increase in Kentucky was about 2,000,000 tons and in West Virginia approximately 1,500,000 short tons.

The increase in the east would have been much greater had it not been for a shortage of transportation facilities which at the close of the year assumed serious proportions. The short age of railroad cars was confined mainly to the east and south. The rise in ocean freight rates caused many vessels normally engaged in coal transportation to be transferred to grain and other higher-priced commodities and this has resulted in a decrease since August and September in the quantity of coal exported to Europe and South America. Notwithstanding these difficulties the quantity of coal exported to Europe and South America during the last 10 months of 1915 exceeded the quantity exported in the same period of 1914 by about 2,000,000 tons. In 1915 however exports of both anthracite and bituminous coal to Canada decreased.

The markets of coal from the Mississippi Valley were more restricted in 1915 than for several years past. The railroads, the largest users of coal in that territory, are reported to have economized in their use of coal by decreasing the number of trains and by the introduction of more efficient methods of using locomotives. The decrease in the output of coal in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa was close to 4 per cent and in the Southwestern States Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri

and Oklahoma the decrease was over 10 per cent largely because of the successful competition of natural gas and petroleum. The output of coal in Texas decreased in 1915 as compared with 1914.

Increased use of fuel oil and of hydro-electric power, the unsettled condition of mining and smelting in Mexico and the competition of Canadian coal have tended to restrict the market for coal in the far west and to those factors the general decrease in output in this region is attributed. Coal production increased in Colorado from 3 to 4 per cent but decreased in Montana, New Mexico and Utah, North Dakota and Wyoming, suffered but little change. On the Pacific coast Washington decreased about 25 per cent.

### WORLD'S COAL SHORTAGE

Predicted by Pennsylvanian who Has Studied European Situation

L. J. Morrison, an eastern representative of the New England Coal & Coke Company, returned this week from a six months' tour of the coal situation in Europe. The information on this gained leads to the prediction on the basis of which stock and coal in certain to come to a result of the break-down in progress. In an interview Mr. Morrison reported to have said that France, England and Italy would have to import 20,000,000 tons of coal annually from the United States to keep their industries running. He asserted that the Allies had drawn heavily on their coal stocks in the war and that the output of their mines was failing. In behind the consumption.

A large development is the fact that there is no production of coal in Italy but this increase over the year before while the short age of railroad cars in the United States is not so great. The Italian and the Pittsburg and Wheeling fields and the probable suspension of some operations in Europe, will indicate next year what will have to effect in cutting down the coal stocks.

### THE FIRST COAL BARON

Was a Woman "Good Queen Bess" Who Knew How to Monopolize

Queen Elizabeth was the first large woman to realize the value of the coal mines as a state monopoly. She obtained a lease of all the Durham fields for 999 years and then proceeded to monopolize a coking concern with her husband. She charted a monopoly in New Castle as virtual monarch, in the sale of Northumberland coal, ship it and so restricted imports that the lord mayor of London formally complained that the New Castle Baroness had been forced to pay to him 1000 pounds a day for a child born in the shambles.

### REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

Not Merger Is the Union of the Pittsburgh and River City Companies

The merger into one concern of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and the Monongahela Coal & Coke Company, as well as the creation of a new organization, is to be in every respect the same as in 1914. The action was in effect the result in the first year of the creation of the companies.

The steel and iron industry in the coal fields of the Ohio Valley has long been owned by the Pittsburgh Coal Company, operating under a New Jersey charter. The original capital of the firm was \$50,000,000 and the second \$60,000,000. The new company will be worth at least \$100,000,000. The new company is to be organized in 1916, but will not be capitalized until 1917.

Local Minister President. The Pittsburgh Coal Company, which is continuing in full its original organization, has a local office in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, George F. Overholser of Scottdale, vice president in charge of the Pittsburgh office.

New By-Product Company. The Union By-Product Company of Buffalo, N. Y., has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000 by officers who are to have a million dollar worth of steel interests.

### LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Jan. 15, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
200	200	Acme	W. J. Radley	New York N. Y.
200	240	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	240	Alvord	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	240	Barzalee	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville
182	182	Beauty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Beyer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville
200	240	Brinkman	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Brown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Catatum	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Carlyle	Penns. Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	150	Clara	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville
200	200	Cobbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
400	400	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
320	300	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	100	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	100	Continental 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	100	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville
200	180	Dexter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Diamond	W. J. Radley	Uniontown
200	200	Elmwood No. 1	W. J. Radley	Uniontown
200	200	Elmwood No. 2	W. J. Radley	Connellsville
100	100	Elizabeth	W. J. Radley	Connellsville
200	200	Fair Hill	W. J. Radley	Connellsville
100	100	Fort Hill	W. J. Radley	Connellsville
100	100	Gilmore	W. J. Radley	Connellsville
100	100	Harris	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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200	200	Hastett	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	100	Humphrey	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
200	200	Junction	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
100	100	Lebanon No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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100	100	Limestone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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100	100	Lyon	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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100	100	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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100	100	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
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## REPUBLICANS ON GUARD.

The United States Steel Corporation's report of unfilled tonnage for December was highly gratifying and some of the Democratic organs take much pleasure in it. Few of them attempt to make political capital out of the situation, but now and then we find one who says that wise Democratic administration has made the country prosperous. Their readers are spared the details, principally because, in the language of the small boy concerning the famous apple core, "there ain't any."

The facts are bleak and black. Under the Republican Tariff law, the steel mills, the iron furnaces and the coke ovens were operating to practical capacity. The Democratic Tariff law went into effect October 1, 1913. From that moment the steel trade shrunk. Midsummer of the following year saw the mills and furnaces and ovens down to 35% capacity. There were absolutely no other exhaustless influences. The new Tariff policy of the Democratic party did its best to bring the European War which with the beginning of 1915 brought a flood of orders for war munitions and the impetus thus given to our industry enabled them to shake off the total paralysis which was settling like a pall upon them.

Under the Republican Protective Tariff, and without the red rags of a ghastly European conflict, this country had real prosperity and the United States Steel Corporation frequently issued a better report than that of December 31, 1913. For September 30, 1915, the unfilled tonnage was 7,836,884 tons, as compared with 7,805,218 last month; for December 31, 1915, 8,485,715; for March 31, 1917, 8,483,858, the intervening months to correspond; and November 30, 1912, 7,852,833, and the ensuing two months above 7,827,300. Only twice before, during the Wilson administration, did the tonnage reach over 7,000,000 and that was in March, 1913, and in November last. Much of the time since New Freedom dawned it has been under 5,000,000 and for several months under 4,000,000 tons.

The Tariff is an issue of 1916 and the Republican party does not propose that the fact shall be lost sight of particularly by the Democrats. The Democrats on their part have been talking academically of a Tariff Commission which shall take the whole vexed question of politics forever and render the business interests and the nation a vast service. We have heard this same line of talk in the last nine months, and we have had some concessions of this character, but they did not settle anything. The Tariff was just as much an issue when time came to revise it as it had ever been before, because back of it lie well-defined general principles to which the great political parties have given their allegiance. The Republican party has always stood for a Protective Tariff, while the Democrats have always opposed the Protective principle and demanded Tariff for Revenue. Every incidental protection was repugnant to most Democratic administrations. It is because of this vital difference of principle that Republicans and Democrats have never been able to agree upon the Tariff and why it is impossible to take it out of politics. A Tariff Commission may be useful in the collection of data and facts upon which to intelligently frame a Tariff bill, but it can never reconcile the political differences on this question, at least not until the Democratic party acknowledges its error and comes over to the Republican way of thinking.

That may possibly be a long time, but it must be remembered that the modern Democracy is more or less Progressive, beginning with President Wilson, and that it is already proposed to protect American manufacturers of certain goods against the direct results of dumping after the war is over. Such an action would be a partial surrender to the Republicans on the Tariff question, but whatever attempts the Democrats may make to despoil Republicans of their principles either publicly or privately will find the Republicans on guard.

## EMBARGOES AND CO-OPERATION.

In connection with the sweeping embargoes which have been laid against the shipment of coal to tidewater in the last few months, it is important to note that Belmont region operators are seriously considering the question of pending operations until traffic regulation is relieved. Drastic as this may seem, it is the logical solution of the problem. To load other markets with the tonnage denied as outlet eastward can only result in ruinous results.

So long as the coal mines of Fairmont and other districts adjacent to tidewater continue to load shipments faster than the railroads can move them, just so long will a solution of the coal transportation problem be deferred. In suspending operations for a time sufficient to enable the railroads to catch up with their freight movement the coal men would only be following the practice at the Connellsville coke region of regulating output to demand.

Can it be possible the coal operator is but awakening to the fact that profitable prices cannot be maintained so long as the market is glutted? If so, the coal car shortage should be regarded as a blessing to the industry. Having witnessed the effects of enforced curtailment, perhaps we may be treated to an example of the voluntary sort.

The situation holds little real hope, however, for the average operator has not yet truly learned the lesson of co-operation.

## THE PLAYGROUND PROPOSITION.

The view is coming to be generally held that the City of Connellsville has not become divested of its title to the James B. Hogg Park by the resolution of the new city council to reject the deed "with thanks."

This opinion has been arrived at by those who have given some thought to the question and have correctly informed themselves of the facts relating to the transaction. Those so informed will recall that at a meeting of council held June 21, F. W. Wright presented a communication from Stewart Johnston, representative of the Hogg estate, who had previously discussed with Connellsville Wright and others the desire of the estate to make donation of ground in the city to the park for purposes. This communication was in the following form:

I have the consent from members of the Hogg family, subject to the approval of Orphans Court, to sell to the City of Connellsville the property indicated to you on my recent visit.

The only conditions are:

1. That action be taken promptly to accept.

2. That the title be a non-possessory, paying same to be taken care of by the city for that portion only of the street on which the park abuts.

3. That it be used only for park purposes and a revert to the donor at any time.

It is desired that the park be known as James B. Hogg Park.

Upon presentation of this communication to council the proposition which it conveyed was the subject of a brief but favorable discussion, resulting in the introduction of the following resolution upon which all of the members voted affirmatively:

Resolved, That the proposition of the donor to the City of Connellsville be accepted, subject to the conditions set out in the communication.

Upon presentation of this resolution to the members of the new city council, it was voted to accept the same.

Resolved, That the park be known as James B. Hogg Park.

Why not make Philadelphia choose know Pennsylvania's candidate for the Republican nomination for President?

CLEANSSED AND PURIFIED.

A great wave of reform has swept through the country, the country house which for a recent review because a missing and a sound source of the insulation, comfort of some of the Democratic County Commissioners has been cleanse and purified. The Washington Evening Messenger

reports that the members of the commission of the city of Washington have been purged of all the scandals which have been exposed.

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## GRIP EPIDEMIC IS STILL SEVERE HERE AND MANY ARE ILL

Industrial Establishments Suffer Because Employees are Laid Up.

## THE LAUNDRY IS HARD HIT

All of Those Employed in the Sorting Department Laid Up, While Manager of Plant is Firing the Boiler; In the Schools Attendance Has Dropped

Cold weather and sickness, chiefly grip, is seriously handicapping laundrymen and reducing the percentage of school attendance in this section. Though the cold weather will likely work a reduction in the number of cases of grip, the ravages of the disease are still apparent, not only here, but throughout Western Pennsylvania.

One of the plants most seriously handicapped is the Connellsville Steam Laundry, where 35 per cent of the workmen are unable to work because of the grip. Managers have reached such a stage at this establishment that Manager W. O. Adrian is firing the boilers and running the engine in the absence of the regular engineer. A. E. Kurz, the business manager, is helping out in practically all of the departments. Mr. Kurz has himself just recovered from the grip. The sorting department is where the industry is hit hardest, for the chief sorters and all of the assistants are home sick. When the sorting department of a laundry is tied up, the first vital point of the establishment is lost, for there are thousands of baled pieces which must be accurately assembled and made ready for wrapping. A young man receives a pair of long silk stockings among his collar and lingerie and some young lady gets a pair of men's socks in her bundle, the mistake has been made in the sorting department. Laundry managers seek to avoid these mistakes and the local plant is noted for the accuracy of its sorters, consequently when all of the regular employees of this department are unable to work, it can be realized what the industry is up against.

Notwithstanding the difficulties it has been compelled to face, the laundry has managed to get all of the work out. Some bundles may not have been delivered as promptly as they would have been under other circumstances, but otherwise the public has not known of the plant's troubles. The management will breathe a sigh of relief when the grip epidemic is over.

There are other industries similarly affected, scores of railroaders being off duty with the malady, and the coke works are similarly handicapped.

At one coke plant some distance from here, the statement is made that of the 135 persons in the town 132 of them have grip.

The attendance in the Dunbar township schools has dropped from 96 to 90 per cent, owing to the grip and bad weather. Supervising Principal R. C. Smith stated that the attendance has been ranging in the neighborhood of 90 per cent since the term began, consequently when it sinks to 90 per cent for the present month the school authorities feel that something serious has happened. While 90 per cent is exceptionally good, they regret to see the percentage drop even that low. Two of the teachers are out at the present time with grip. Miss Mary Keenan of the high school faculty and Miss Mary Moser, a first grade teacher.

There has been no perceptible decrease in school attendance here, the grip epidemic being for the most part confined to adults. The authorities find considerable sickness but they are pleased with the way attendance keeps up.

## GAMEWELL PRANKS

Broken Wires Cause the Wildcat to Seed Both Weevil Tools.

The Gamewell are alarm system played some queer pranks Sunday, a broken wire somewhere on the South Side having set the wildcat whistle tooting merrily at frequent intervals, and the other day the whistle would toll five in quick succession, then four next would come what sounded like a real fire alarm, two three. The process would be repeated from time to time. The bells in the fire house sounded like alarm clocks instead of fire alarms.

Owing to the sickness in the family the body of Conzetta Condelli, a city electrician, Paul McDonald and his men worked part of the night before the trouble was located on the South Side. The winds of the winter have slackened up all the wires and as soon as the weather gets a little milder it will be thoroughly overhauled. Linemen have been so tough in demand recently that it is impossible to get one for love or money at this time.

Pending the repair of the break, the South Side was cut off but the system was in working order throughout the rest of the city.

## READING COURSES

Department of Education is Working Through the Library.

The United States Department of Education has arranged a number of reading courses along various lines and is trying to secure readers for them. Any who desire may join this home reading club and take up one or more of these courses. The number of books in each is small and interesting. The work may be done at one's convenience and at the conclusion of each course a certificate will be given to all who show evidence of having read the books.

The Carnegie Free Library has received circulars concerning these courses and will be glad to give information to anyone who is interested. The books may be secured at the library.

Subscribe for The Weekly Courier.

"NOT ON FIRE"  
SAYS SIGN OVER  
A SMOKE HOUSE.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Jan. 15. Because 25 or 30 neighbors came to him from time to time to tell him that an outbuilding was on fire, H. R. Fause, the West End grocer, placed the following sign on the door: "Not on fire; smoking meat."

## OFFENDERS ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY AND ARE SENTENCED

Judge Van Sweeten Also Hands Down Two Divorce Decrees at the Weekly Session.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 18.—Several persons held for the March term of court appeared before Judge Van Sweeten and Remond today and entered pleas of guilty. They pleaded the presentation of their cases to the grand jury and were sentenced.

Thomas Brown of Brownsville admitted stealing drygoods and clothing. He was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail.

Thomas Kelly and Davis Jones, who admitted breaking the lock on the Brownsville lockup, were sentenced to 30 days in jail.

James Smith of Uniontown, admitted that he stole a hobby horse. The wooden animal was valued at \$1.25. He was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail.

Charles Dowdy, a negro who pleaded guilty to striking Mrs. M. Walker, was sentenced to pay the costs. Miss Mary of Republic, was given a similar sentence on a charge of assault and battery.

Lawson 13 shorts admitted having stolen a great amount of copper wire from the Electro-Cite mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company. It is said that Rogers had wire valued at \$250 in his possession when arrested. He was sentenced to restore the stolen goods and serve one year in the workhouse.

Charles Forks, admitted carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to pay the costs of \$75 and serve nine months in the workhouse.

Alfred Doty, James Cassidy and Frank Swartz, who said a man dropped in a store and then picked up the money, were paroled in juvenile court.

Moselle McArthur of Fairchance was granted a divorce by Judge Van Sweeten from Ralph M. McArthur. They were married in Uniontown on June 25, 1912. Cruel and barbarous treatment was alleged.

Judge Van Sweeten also signed a divorce decree in favor of Anna Probst, 22 years old, of Adelaide, granting her legal separation from Adam Probst. They were married in Uniontown July 13, 1912. Probst deserted his wife September 15 of the same year, and a child was born on the following October.

On petition of Carey Giesman, constable of Brownsville township, the court appointed Riley Giesman, his son, as deputy constable in that township.

## WOMAN DROPS DEAD

Mrs. William Evans Is Stricken While Preparing Breakfast.

While preparing breakfast about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, Mrs. William Evans, 61 years old, one of the best known residents of East Liberty, was stricken with apoplexy and died about five minutes later. Mrs. Evans had been in good health until the time she was stricken.

Mrs. Evans was a daughter of the late Jacob and Rosena Edward Martin, and had spent the greater part of her life in East Liberty. Her husband has been ill for the past month or more and the sudden death of his wife has caused his condition to become alarming. He was taken ill with asthma and later contracted grip. In addition to her husband Mrs. Evans is survived by a family of grown children.

## FAMILY IS AFFLICTED

One Child Dies and Three Others Are Very Sick.

The family of Nunzio Condelli, in East Fayette street, is sorely afflicted by death and illness. Conzetta Condelli, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Condelli, died Monday at noon following an illness of acute hepatitis. The child had recovered from measles when she was taken ill of hepatitis. Christine, six years old, is suffering from the same illness, which proved fatal to her sister, while Frank, aged eight years, and a younger child are suffering from other illness.

Owing to the sickness in the family the body of Conzetta Condelli was removed to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's parlors from which place services were held this afternoon. Interment is in St. Joseph's cemetery.

## SHY OF BIDS.

Councilman Price's Plans Are Held Up by the Petitors.

Councilman M. B. Price's plans for the establishment of a new system of building inspection in connection with the fire department have been set aside by the lack of bids for printing the three forms necessary for the card index system he proposes to install.

The contract will not be let until January 24, which will make it impossible for the to get the forms printed in time for the January inspection. Mr. Price had planned to have an inspection cover the entire year, but this delay will make it impossible.

## GRIP AT VANDERBILT.

Mrs. J. N. Murchison and daughter, Miss Flora are confined to their home at Vanderbilt with grip. The condition of Mrs. Mary Henry, who has been ill at home in Dawson for the past few weeks, is slightly improved.

## LICENSED TO WED.

John Peeler of Pittsfield, and Anna Empress of Connellsville, Arthur J. Baumhauer and Marcella Baumhauer, both of Salem, were granted marriage licenses in Uniontown Monday.

## LAUNDRY PRICES UP IN SCOTTDALE; MAY RISE HERE

Now Costs Three Cents for a Collar in the Mill Town.

## COMPENSATION ONE EXCUSE

Laundromat Also Says That Their Operating Expenses Have Soared as a Result of the Increased Cost of Necessary Materials; Consumer Days

It now costs 5 cents to have a collar cleaned in Scottdale. An announcement has been made there by the Model Laundry that half a cent would be added to the cost of maintaining unsightly neckwear for the purpose of meeting the cost of workmen's compensation and increased cost of supplies.

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Nothing definite has been determined, but an order of the council declared the revenue would be increased to meet the increased cost of operation.

There is no provision in a laundry to cover the cost of workmen's compensation and increased cost of supplies.

Despite the fact that the cold caused considerable suffering, and some serious consequences were incurred as a result of a near-fatal coal gas explosion, the region was particularly fortunate in that it did not suffer a gas leak, such as visited many other sections. The Fayette Coal & Gas Company managed to give its consumers good service. The zero wave coming so suddenly combined with an extraordinarily high consumption by industrial plants, cut down pressure a little. Superintendent Angie said today, but domestic consumers were taken care of.

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## MERCURY DROPS TO 8 BELOW ZERO IN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

### ORDERS OF DISTRIBUTION ARE MADE IN FOUR ESTATES

Judge J. G. Work Hands Down Order Disposing of Rather Large Properties.

**Cold Wave Holds All West**  
ern Pennsylvania  
to Its Grip.

### TWO ABOVE IS THE MARK HERE

**Official Thermometer Records That as the Minimum, but Other Tubes Beat That; Coal Famine Causes a Good Bit of Suffering in Town.**

### SOME ZERO MARKS.

Buchanan ..... 5  
Indian Head ..... 7  
Normalville ..... 8  
Sand Patch ..... 9  
Westfield ..... 2  
Connellsville ..... 2

Two degrees above zero in the city, zero in the outskirts, and as low as eight below in the mountain districts, were the record marks set Sunday. The coldest of the winter so far. Following a snowfall, accompanied by wind that caused it to drift rapidly, the mercury began to drop steadily and about daybreak this morning low marks for the winter were recorded.

Report from Indian Head are to the effect that the thermometers registered seven degrees below at daybreak and early risers in the vicinity of the Buchanan school, also in Saltick township, declare that the tube recorded eight below. A fall of four inches of snow is reported in that district. At Normalville the mercury was down to six degrees below and the snowfall was about five inches, with the drifts.

The official thermometer for Connellsville, located on the West Penn building, recorded two above zero as the lowest mark. It had risen to 10 above at 10.30 o'clock this morning. There are other unofficial thermometers which registered zero and below. George Fuehrer brings in a report of zero at 7 o'clock this morning at his home in Lelsenberg. At Keasby's on the South Side, the low mark was two above zero. On the Pineapple Ed Bier's thermometer registered one above at 8 o'clock.

The Baltimore & Ohio railway station at Sand Patch, one of the coldest spots in this section of the state, sends a report of four below.

Monday dawned fair and sunny, but there was a biting wind and it was distinctly uncomfortable outside. Water pipes were frozen in many homes for the first time.

The Nichols school building in the Second Ward was dismissed Tuesday because it was impossible to get it warm enough for comfort. All of the other school buildings, however, were comfortably heated.

Though the epidemic of grip has not as yet affected the school attendance to any great extent, there are many pupils and quite a number of teachers off duty on account of illness. Miss Naomi Rosenbom, Elsie Davis and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, grade teachers, are all confined to their homes at this time. Miss Zara Dill of the high school faculty was off duty on account of illness on Friday but she resumed her duties today.

The cold fuming which threatened the comfort of many a family last week has been relieved somewhat by the arrival of several cars on the dealers' strength. The demand, however, is still much greater than the supply.

### DISCUSS FEED

**Union Farmers Hold First Meeting of the Year.**

"Feeding Problems" was the subject for discussion at the first meeting of the Union Farmers' Club of Fayette county for the year, held Saturday at John T. Smith's home, Elm Dale Farm, near Dunbar. The meeting convened at 11 o'clock, with farmers and their families from all over the township in attendance.

W. B. Swearingen discussed at length, with reference to feed our farm products, if we do not realize market prices for them. The next period was taken up by the discussion of "Which is the more economical, live stock or grain framing for our section?" by J. H. Dink, P. E. Daugherty of the Fayette County Farm Bureau. The program was interspersed with readings by A. C. Odewe and Miss Mary Junk, and a recitation by Harvey H. Smith. At noon dinner was served. The next meeting will be held Saturday, February 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Reed at High Farm, Dunbar township. "Feed Credits" will be discussed.

### ACCUSED OF THEFT

**Three Men Held in Cumberland for Robbing Freight Cars.**

J. W. Karchner, a taxicab operator of Cumberland; George Ambrose, a restaurant proprietor of the same place and E. W. Rawlings, a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad between Connellsville and Cumberland, have been arrested on both state and federal warrants, charged with stealing goods from the railroad. The Baltimore & Ohio police believe that they have the leaders of a gang that has been operating for some time.

Rawlings was arrested Saturday afternoon in Connellsville and later taken to Cumberland. The men will be given hearings on the state warrants this afternoon and on the federal warrants Wednesday. It is alleged that articles were thrown off a fast train near Mount Savage Junction, and taken to Cumberland by automobile.

### Township Board Meets.

The Dunbar township school board met Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Arlington Hotel and transacted business of a routine nature, including the payment of bills. Isaac Hall presided. All members but two were present. The next regular meeting of the board will be held Saturday, February 12.

Classes to be Confirmed in Scotland and in Dunbar.

The Right Reverend Cordland Whitehead, bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be in this section on February 13 and 20 and confounds classes in Dunbar, Dunbar and Scotland. The services will be held in St. John's Church at Dunbar on Sunday afternoon, February 20, and in St. Bartholomew's Church at Scotland on Sunday evening.

## LUMBER CARS RUN WILD FOR A MILE; ONE MAN KILLED

**Lives of Seven Others Endangered in Mountain Railroad Mishap.**

### ROARING RUN MAN THE VICTIM

**Ralph Sparks Instantly Killed When Cars Overturn; William Andrew is Injured, but Other Five Escape Without Injury; Cars are Wrecked.**

One man was killed, another hurt and five others endangered in a railroad accident on the Thompson & Thompson line, when a lumber train operated by the McLeod Lumber Company ran wild over the mountainside for a distance of a mile, in the hills beyond Jones Mill. Ralph Sparks, who lives at Roaring Run, met instant death when he was crushed under the cars as they overturned. Sparks was trying to set the brakes and check the train's mad dash.

The men, employed by the McLeod Lumber Company, were engaged in loading logs. They had loaded and were travelling toward Jones Mill when it got beyond control. Engineer C. E. Wolden was at the front. He made every effort to check the train as it rapidly increased speed but was unable to do so.

For more than a mile the train careened down the mountainside. It finally overturned when the front truck, which was carrying logs, came off the track.

The engine remained upright, but the cars back of it were overturned. Sparks, who was killed, was on the engine when the train ran off, but with others had climbed back over the cars to set the brakes. William Andrew was also on board. He, with some of the others, jumped. Sparks was cut about the face and had his leg and knee badly bruised. The others, Jacob Hess, James Pitts, Herman Kalp and Charles Johnson, were on board, but escaped.

The accident occurred about 4:30 P. M. just Wednesday. The lumber train from the McLeod lumber works in the mountains some five or six miles beyond Jones Mill, left the tracks of the Blair Lumber Company and thence over the Indiana Creek Valley railroad to the McLeod mill near Indian Creek.

### A FINE INSTITUTE

**Old Timers Make Speeches at Unique Gathering Saturday.**

The old time institute at the St. James Park school on Saturday was well attended and unusually interesting. Teachers, retired teachers, married teachers, nations of the schools and babies attended in profusion. The program was a good one, lasting a good part of the morning and afternoon. A link was saved at dinner time on the basket picnics plan.

All of the old timers made good and the babies did well. The infants wanted to be heard at the same time. The speakers did but nobody minded that a bit. Addresses were contributed by S. P. Ashe, B. B. Smith and W. D. McGinnis of Connellsville, George B. Jeffers of Uniontown, and others.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED.

**Catavia Trail of the Iroquois Has a Big Meeting.**

Catavia Trail No. 20, Order of Iroquois installed the following officers Saturday night: Deputy, L. L. Thomas before the installing officer.

W. E. Chorpin, past president; P. J. Tormay, president; G. A. Clark, vice president; S. R. Cox, councilor; C. B. McCormick, secretary; W. J. Hicks, collector; J. B. Marotta, treasurer; W. E. Dunn, private; R. E. Neff, marshal; J. W. Cole, guard; J. C. McCormick, scribe.

Licensed to Wed.

Joseph C. Gierman, of Mount Pleasant, and Stella Zweig of Latrobe; Earl L. King of Benbridge, and Teressa D. Kelly of Uniontown, Robert Queen and Sarah Myers of Mount Pleasant; John W. Cominsky and Letitia A. Axley of Mount Pleasant, were granted marriage licenses in Greenup yesterday.

### Notice of Appeal.

Parolee to the provisions of the laws of this Commonwealth, the Commissioners of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, give notice to the taxable inhabitants within the respective boroughs, cities and townships of the state, agents that the days of appeals for the criminal year of 1916 are as follows:

### COUPTE OF APPEALS.

Georges township and Fairchance Borough, Monday, February 14, 1916, at the Hotel Hotel, Fairchance, from 9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

Smithfield Borough, Monday, February 14, 1916, at Square O'Neals, from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Piney Woods Borough, Monday, February 14, 1916, at Hotel Marine Hotel, from 1 P. M. to 10 P. M.

Dunbar Borough and Lower Tyrone Township, Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at Hotel, Dunbar, from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Springfield Township, Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at Morris N. Roberts Hotel, from 9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

Nelson Township, Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at Old Frame, from 1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

Vanderbilt Borough, Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at Vanderbilt Hotel, from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Masonville Borough, Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at Leroy Hotel, from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Beverly Borough and Upper Tyrone Township, Wednesday, February 16, 1916, at Parker Hotel, Etowah, from 9 A. M. to 2 o'clock noon.

Connellsville Wednesday, February 16, 1916, at Oliver Burns' Motor Hotel, Connellsville, from 8:30 A. M. to 11

Ridgeway township, Wednesday, February 16, 1916, at Andrew McClelland's, Dunbar.

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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE UNION NATIONAL BANK, at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business on December 31, 1915.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts, except those shown on

hi ..... 5195,070.79 165,070.79

Overdrafts, unsecured ..... 124,80 124,80

U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation paper value ..... 50,000.00

Stocks, other than U. S. bonds that including stocks owned by

individual depositors ..... 504,00

Certified checks ..... 582,778.00

Deposits due less than 30 days ..... 128,881.57

Cashier's checks outstanding ..... 115,00

Total demand deposits ..... 8,182.16

Deposits items ..... 32,384.95

Deposits items ..... 32,384.95

Other time deposits ..... 1,420,194.79

Total time deposits ..... 1,420,194.79

Total ..... 82,386,278.58

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette, etc.

I, George W. Swafford, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE W. SWAFFORD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1916.

J. D. KURTZ, Notary Public.

ROBERT NORTON,

H. C. HODGKIN,

L. T. NORTON, Directors.

Not amount due from banks

included in 10 or 11 ..... 34,500.40

Other checks on banks in

same city or town as reporting bank

10,000.00

Not amount due from

reserve agents in

New York, Chicago and St. Louis ..... 10,000.00

Not amount due from

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## GRIP EPIDEMIC IS SPREADING; HORSES AND DOGS AFFECTED

Veterinarians Treating Animals Suffering With the Disease.

## CATS SO FAR HAVE ESCAPED

Old Timers Say That Back In 1872 Horses Were Similarly Afflicted Only It Was Called Epizootic; Many Cases Developing From Day to Day.

The epidemic of grip which has swept Western Pennsylvania has Connellsville in its grip. There are hundreds of cases scattered throughout the city and dogs and horses are now affected. Cats, so far as known, have not as yet contracted the disease, notwithstanding their propensities for meandering, but there are any number of dogs and horses suffering from the disease. If you don't believe it, ask a veterinarian.

Horses are incapacitated for work by a species of influenza, which is nothing more than grip. They get cold in their heads just like their masters, their noses run profusely and a general lassitude makes work look as abominable to them as it does to a man when he is down with the grip. It makes dogs even sicker. "Yes, indeed, our dog had the grip," a young woman said this morning. "We took the doctor for him and he said it was the same disease as people got. He told us to give him the same medicine it was taking myself for the grip. We did, and we also gave him some cough medicine, for we thought he was going to die. He is all right now but believe me, he was as sick as a dog for a while."

The story is told of one dog that was taken down with the grip. The cold in his head was very severe and not being equipped with a handicechief, he was compelled to hunt around for a rag with which to wipe his nose. He was found dabbing his nose with a dust rag, holding it between his paws, much after the fashion of a human being under the same circumstances.

A dog is severely handicapped when he gets a cold in his head, for his head is mostly nose and requires more attention than a man whose nose is equally prominent with his other features.

Old timers recall that in 1872 horses were similarly affected. An epidemic of epizootic prevailed at that time.

Cats, strange to say, are not among the grip patients. One man stated today that his cat had been acting strangely, but he thought it was merely "I am going to investigate," he said, "for I am now inclined to believe he has the grip. He gets around enough to catch anything. If it is the muscles, however, I hope you won't tell the board of health, for we don't want to be quarantined again."

Henry T. Ashe, principal of the schools at Springdale, a former resident of Connellsville, is visiting his brother, S. P. Ashe, superintendent of schools here. The schools at Springdale are closed because of an epidemic of grip. At least 25 per cent. of the pupils are out of school.

## CRAIG BOOSTS GUARD

Congressman Not Enthusiastic Over Continental Army Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Representative Craig of Pennsylvania today declared that he agreed with Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the House military affairs committee, that there should be improvement in the state national guards in the state national guards while Secretary Garrison of the War Department has recommended a reserve force to the regular army.

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Street Commissioner William McCormick is not going to have his city team removing any lawn trees at least that is what he has told West Side residents who sought to have him remove one in front of W. S. Lyons' home on North First Street, West Side.

Mr. McCormick is in his property on his house, the street commissioner claims and there are many who agree with him. The two in question is said to be obstructing travel on the walk. Mr. Lyons says he has loosened the roots so that the city team can haul it away "when it is up," says the street commissioner.

THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Get Picture of Girl at Auto Wheel, and Wonder Why.

Accompanying a picture of a girl sitting at the wheel of an automobile with a cap on her head, Mrs. Ester Kilday of Youngwood, sends the following letter to the office:

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Chief Bottler is at loss to know what the letter is about though it is apparent some one has disappeared from home.

ACCIDENT IS VERDICT.

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Mr. Price, who had the old council hall, could not have gotten more of the bonds and expressed a desire to bid on future issues of the city.

